

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wu and Supervisory Examiner Wu for the helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on December 19, 2005. During this discussion it was noted that Maletzko et al was filed February 6, 2002. However, the Japanese priority document of the present invention was filed February 4, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Certified English Translation of JP 2002-26396, thereby perfecting their claim to priority. Since the priority date of the present invention is before the filing date of Maletzko et al, the rejection over Nakagawa et al in view of Maletzko et al should be withdrawn.

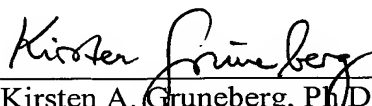
The rejection of Claim 7 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 7.

In addition, Applicants have added new Claims 8-10, as supported at page 9, 2nd full paragraph and at the paragraph bridging pages 25 and 26. No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-6 and 8-10 will now be active in this application.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
Norman F. Oblon


Kirsten A. Gruneberg, Ph.D.
Registration No. 47,297

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)